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RE APPLICATION OF: Boris Kobrin, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/759,857

FILED: January 17, 2004

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CONTROLLED APPLICATION OF REACTIVE
VAPORS TO PRODUCE THIN FILMS AND
COATINGS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1763

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§ EXAMINER: J. R. Lund

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AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment "B" is in response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response of May 14, 2005.

Claims 1 - 10 and 26 are pending in the application. Claims 11 - 25 have been cancelled in view of being withdrawn under a restriction requirement.

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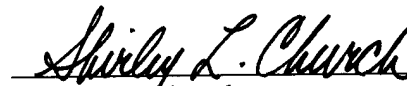

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Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "B". However, in the event that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2635 of DUCKOR SPRADLING METZGER & WYNNE, in the amount of such fee.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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The outstanding office action indicates a restriction requirement with respect to the claims. On April 13, 2006, applicants' attorney contacted the Examiner, who confirmed that this is an error, due to a failure to remove this text which was present in the previous Office Action.

Claim 1 is objected to due to an informality and correction is requested.

Claims 1 - 10 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for various reasons which are recited by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2, 9/1, 9/2, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hatano, U.S. Patent 5,989,345.

Claims 2 - 8, 9/4, 9/5 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,989,345.

Claims 1 - 10, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sneth et al., U.S. Patent 6,503,330 B1, in view of Hatano, U.S. Patent 5,989,345.

Please amend the application as follows: